## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORPEB 1 7 1999

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03614

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING: YES

The applicant requests that his voluntary retirement for length of service be changed to a disability retirement. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinions is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinions appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been adequately rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record. Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The documentation provided with this case was sufficient to give the Board a clear understanding of the issues involved and a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not have materially added to that understanding. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Ms. Martha Maust, Mr. Frederick R. Beaman III, and Ms. Patricia D. Vestal considered this application on 15 December 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

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## Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinions
- E. Applicant's Response